

Medicare Beneficiary Ombudsman's Open Door Forum:

Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit: 2007 Annual Coordinated Election Period

Wednesday, September 13, 2006

2:00p.m. – 3:30p.m. (Eastern Standard Time)

In support of his role as the “*Voice for Medicare Beneficiaries*,” the Medicare Beneficiary Ombudsman, Daniel J. Schreiner is directly engaging with Medicare beneficiaries and advocacy groups at the national, regional and local levels to hear, understand and address opportunities to improve the Medicare beneficiary service experience.

The topic of this Open Door Forum is the **Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit: 2007 Annual Coordinated Election Period**. Areas of discussion may include:

- 2007 Annual Coordinated Election Period Highlights
- How the Coverage Gap Works for People with Medicare Prescription Drug Plans
- Handling Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Issues

CMS Subject Matter Experts will be available to discuss what programs, processes and information resources are, or will be in place for beneficiaries specific to the discussion. The Ombudsman would like to obtain feedback from beneficiaries and advocates regarding CMS' understanding of the potential issues, impacts and opportunities for improvement. Other questions will be addressed based on the availability of subject matter experts.

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